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To have it unravelled, What Hiram intended to do. Very soon to the East I made known my request, And "light," by command, did attend ; When lo ! I perceived,

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What happened when I was made free; But I've "passed" since then, And was "raised" up sgain To a sublime and ancient degree. Then onward I marched,

That I might be "Arched," And find out the treasures long lost ; When, behold ! a bright flame, From the midst of which came A voice, which my ears did accost. Through the "vails" I then went,

And succeeded at length The "Sanctum Sanctorum" to find, By the "Signet" I gained, And quickly obtained Employment, which suited my mind. In the depths I then wrought, And most cheerfully sought

For treasures long hidden there ; And by labor and totl I discovered rich spoil, Which are kept by the craft with due care. Having thus far serived,

I further contrived Among valiant Knights to appear And as Pilgrim and Knight, I stood ready to fight,

For the widow distressed There's a chord in my breast ; For the orphan and helpless I feel : And my sword I could draw To maintain the pure law

Which the duty of Masons reveal. Thus have I revealed (Yet wisely concealed) What the "free and accepted" well know, I am one of the band

Who will faithfully stand By a brother, wherever I go. VARIETY.

All that the American Navy needs is some boats. It has plenty of water. The man who gets home very late at night is frequently overjawed on meeting his wife.

If you don't want to be robbed of your good name, don't have it printed on your umbrella. A sociable man is one who, when he has ten minutes to spare, goes and bothers somebody "Enny man who kan swap horses, or ketch fish, and not lie about it, iz just about as pius az

men ever git to be in this world." Some "horrid brute" has discovered that the difference between a woman and an umbrella is that there are times when you can shut up an

The New York World, in speaking of Post Master General Key's order in regard to returning misdirected mail matter, says: " Key ought

to trade surnames with Don Cameron.' Whenever a doctor makes his appearance in a new settlement in the far West, the inhabitants know that it is about time to pick out a location

"Green street!" called out the conductor. "Green's treat, ch!" ejaculated an inebriated individual in the car; " all right (hic) just's lieve drink off of Green (hie)'s any other man. Doctors say that mixed drinks are more injurious than plain ones, and history bears out the assertion, for Goliath was killed with a

There is a Spanish proverb which says: When you choose a wife shut your eyes and commend your soul to God." In other words, go it blind. It is said that a girl who can shed three or

four tears at a critical moment, and follow them up with a quivering sigh, can marry all around a good looking blonde who does nothing but try The Galveston News gives some interesting

marriage statistics. It states that Shakespeare was married at 18, Dante at 23, and Brigham Young at 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, etc. History repeats itself, but sometimes with de-

cided variations. Diogenes had a tub. S. J. T. had a barrel. One was looking for honest men; the other for dishonest ones.—Philadelphia Bulle-Student, fresh from college, to conductor-" I wish to get on the penultimate car." Con-

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"He-" Shall I skin you a pertater, honey? She-" No, thank you, dearie; I have one al-Company.
mhl5 79 Fire Proof Buildings, Kaahumanu & Queen Sts. 1y ready skun."- Virginia Chronicle. To the advice, "drink whisky only in the months that have 'k' in their names," the

Ottawa Republican says nine-tenths of the fellows would spell that month "Oktober." And, of course your Knovember can be counted too. In his address at the Savannah Centennial General Gordon asked, " What does not England owe to Ireland?" Well, she doesn't appear to

AUCTIONEER, SALESROOM ON QUEEN owe her any good will. Ask a hard one, away in the back of the book .- Hawkeye. Col. Ingersoll's "Bible " lies on the center-IMPORTERS AND COMMISSION MERtable in his parlor. In it, at the appropriate places, are leaves for the family record, and on

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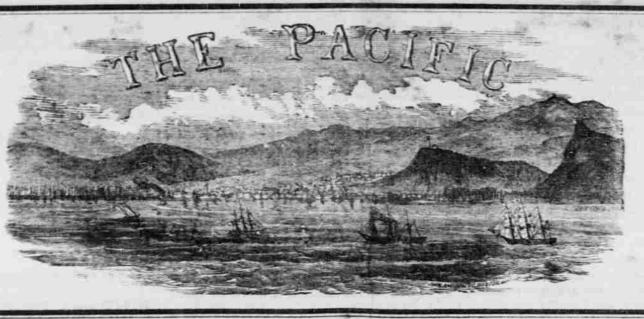
A teacher defined conscience " as something within you that tells you when you have done wrong. ' "I had it once," spoke up a young tow-head of six summers, "but they had to send latands.

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